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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

REF: (A) CAIRO 3444 (B) STATE 107151

1. STANDARD SAMPLE FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION OF EMBASSY ONLY WAS POUCHED TO CAIRO ON MAY 14 UNDER COVER OF STATE A-3873. IT DID NOT REFLECT ANY EGYPTIAN COMMENTS. STATE A-3873 ALSO TRANSMITTED COPY OF AEC LETTER SENT EFFAT MAY 10, 1974 REVIEWING DISCUSSIONS ON SAMPLE CONTRACT. WE EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT AEC'S DISCUSSIONS WITH EFFAT ON SAMPLE CONTRACT WERE ONLY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND EXPEDITE POSSIBLE FURTHER TALKS. NO COMMITMENTS WERE MADE. U.S. POLICY DECISION ON SALE OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO EGYPT HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN, AND FUEL CONTRACT, BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION AND IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ARE PART AND PARCEL OF A SINGLE PACKAGE ON WHICH POLICY DECISION WILL BEAR.

2. WE WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS THE U.S.

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POLICY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AND WILL AT SAME TIME, IF

DECISION IS POSITIVE, OUTLINE FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY EGYPTIANS AND OURSELVES, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN CAIRO. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE PREMATURE FOR MINISTER SULTAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON ON THIS MATTER BEFORE OUR POLICY DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

3. RE TIMING OF SIGNING OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT, PRE-

SENT THINKING HERE IS THAT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT SHORT TIME AFTER SIGNING OF FUEL CONTRACT. THIS ASSUMES THAT AEC APPROVES AD REFERENDUM STAFF PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTUAL QUOTE CONDITION SUBSEQUENT UNQUOTE WHICH WOULD TERMINATE CONTRACT BY AN AGREED DATE (UNLESS PARTIES DETERMINED OTHERWISE) IF AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION NOT IN FORCE BY THAT DATE. SPEED OF NEGOTIATION OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, DEPEND MAINLY ON EGYPTIAN WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT OUR SUGGESTED TEXT. WE WOULD ASSUME NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN SHORTLY AFTER OUR POLICY DECISION REACHED.

4. IN RESPONSE TO EGYPTIAN QUERIES, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT MATTER IS STILL UNDER ACTIVE STUDY AND THAT U.S. DECISION, WHICH WE EXPECT WELL BEFORE JUNE 30, WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO GOE WITHOUT DELAY ONCE IT HAS BEEN REACHED.

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